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SUBJECT: EMBASSY MAPUTO SMALL PROJECTS FUND FOR
ANTI-TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS EFFORTS

REF: A. STATE 78536

[1](#)B. STATE 8083

[1](#)1. The following is response to Action Request (Ref A).

2.-- Project Title: Transit and Reintegration Assistance
for Mozambican Women and Children Repatriated from South
Africa

-- Amount of Funding: 12,000 U.S. dollars

-- Implementing Organization: FECIV - Institute for Civic
Education

-- Explanation of Project: Transit and reintegration
assistance will be provided to unaccompanied minors and
women with children who have been repatriated and wish to
return to their home communities in Mozambique. The
project will primarily benefit women and children who have
been trafficked to South Africa, but assistance will be
provided also to other vulnerable women and children, where
possible. The Moamba Reception Center for Unaccompanied
Minors and Women with Children will receive the
beneficiaries and provide the necessary accommodation and
support. Beneficiaries will remain at the Moamba Reception
Center for approximately seven to 15 days. During this
period the beneficiary's home community will be located and
a basic needs assessment conducted, in cooperation with a
local NGO, to determine the kind of reintegration
assistance to support the beneficiaries. As a basic
population stabilization incentive, each beneficiary will
receive a small reintegration grant to be disbursed on a
weekly basis by a local NGO for a period of three months,
on condition that the beneficiary is attending school
and/or that she is involved in a designated community
development project, and that she collects the grant in
person. Embassy Small Project Funds would be used for
furniture for the Moamba Reception Center, food, medicine,
travel assistance, telephone bills, and part of the
salaries for a cook and guard at the Center.

[1](#)3. Comment: We believe that this project could easily
benefit from additional assistance beyond the USD 12,000
amount listed above. The Moamba Reception Center is still
under construction (emboff visited the site several days
ago), so the anticipated number of 500 returnees assisted
in the year is only an educated guess at the moment. The
co-director of the project, Lea Boaventura, the Mozambican
director of Terre des Hommes Germany, went to the U.S. in
2004 as an International Visitor Program grantee, with a
focus on anti-trafficking. While in the U.S. she visited
several "safe houses" for trafficking victims. The Moamba
Reception Center is designed in part from what she learned
while visiting the U.S.

[1](#)4. Comment Continued: Once the project is up and running,
considerably more information will come to light about the
dimensions of the trafficking in persons (TIP) problem from
Mozambique to South Africa. Apart from helping the actual
victims transiting the center, this project, then, will
greatly benefit future efforts to counter TIP activity
here.

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